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SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE James H. Douglas (left) is seated on the speakers platform with Lt. Gen. Walter E. Todd, Air University commander at Maxwell, before addressing the 165 graduates of the Air War College this morning.

## AF Secretary Says IBMs To Dominate Retaliation Power

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Intercontinental ballistic missiles "seem certain to play a dominant part in our strategy" of retaliation against enemy attack, Secretary of the Air Force James H. Douglas told Air War College graduates at Maxwell AFB yesterday.

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The Air Force secretary arrived at Maxwell shortly before addressing to the 165 members of the graduating class and their guests and was scheduled to depart for Washington, D. C., later this morning.

Explaining the character and combat readiness of our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and the forces of our allies are such that no aggressor could expect

to have a few such missiles in an operational unit this year, and may have them in substantial numbers by '61 or '62. We are making a good progress with Atlas, Titan, Polaris, and Minuteman," he said.

While the long range ballistic missile needs only half an hour to deliver a large nuclear warhead to a target more than 6,000 miles away, and with a

high degree of accuracy, it cannot carry as large yield weapons as can manned aircraft, nor can it be launched and then held in suspense until it is certain that an attack is in progress, as can the manned aircraft, the secretary said.

### DEFENSE LACKING

However, as there is no effective defense against ballistic missiles likely for some years, Douglas said, they could in large number survive any missile attack of an accuracy presently anticipated.

Douglas ended his talk by telling the Air War College graduates that their way will be "one of long hours, continuing study, frequent travel, periods of separation, and wearing responsibility."

"Still, you each know the deep satisfaction of service to your country. And today, service in defense of the United States, the Commonwealth, and Canada is

service to free men everywhere. You will be key men in key positions," he said.

### DIPLOMAS AWARDED

Douglas was introduced to the audience by Maj. Gen. Robert F. Tate, commandant of the Air War College. After his speech, the class of 1958 was officially presented by Lt. Gen. Walter E. Todd, commander of the Air University, and diplomas were awarded.

Included in this morning's graduating class were 130 Air Force colonels, one Air National Guard, 12 Army, seven Navy, five Marine Corps, three Royal Air Force officers, and one Royal Canadian Air Force officer.

Six civilian officials from other governmental agencies also graduated, two from the Department of State, one from the Central Intelligence Agency, one from the National Security Agency, one from the Federal Defense Administration, and one from the U. S. Information Agency.

Of the 130 Air Force officers in the class, 47 have received assignments to Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D. C., 47 have been assigned to bases in the United States, and 41 will have overseas assignments.